in Nature in Beauteous design and grotesque presentation.

Though the preliminary stage in learning finer leaf-work was devoted mostly to a special kind of matplaiding, I very soon began to try my hand at other kinds of fineries also. Of course, what I attempted at first practically came to no body's use for it was the result of a very clumsy manipulation of things on my part, un-taught and unaided as I had to work. One could, at the very start, hardly expect any better results from 3 novice like? myself. 'I, however, found this neW occupatior\ a great source of diversion and pleasure, so that even if I did not succeed in my first attempts, I persisted on instead of losing heart and giving up, till I somehow managed to get the thing ready just as I wanted. In this way from the very simple and ordinary straight plaiding that was taught there, I learnt all the different tricks that were required in making different fancy articles, such as, fans, caps, bags, etc., even slippers; not excepted. As the new Superintendent deprived

me of the pair of shoes that I was allowed to wear by his predecessor in office, I had to go about bare-footed and as I had not done so